

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Summary of the Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Advisory Committee Meeting

October 28, 2009

Committee Members Present

Beverly Collins, MD, MBA, MS (via telephone)
Jacqueline Daley, HBSc, MLT, CIC, CSPDS
Maria E. Eckart, RN, BSN, CIC
Elizabeth P. (Libby) Fuss, RN, MS, CIC
Anthony Harris, MD, MPH (via telephone)
Lynne V. Karanfil, RN, MA, CIC
William Minogue, MD (via telephone)
Peggy A. Pass, RN, BSN, MS, CIC
Jack Schwartz, Esq. (via telephone)

Public Attendance

Diane Feeney, HSCRC
Mary Mussman, MD, Department of Health and
Mental Hygiene
Polly Ristaino, MS, CIC Johns Hopkins Hospital
(via telephone)
Nicole Stallings, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
(via telephone)

Committee Members Absent

Sara E. Cosgrove, MD, MS
Andrea Hyatt
Carol Payne
Eli Perencevich, MD, MS
Michael Anne Preas, RN, BSN, CIC
Brenda Roup, PhD, RN, CIC

Commission Staff

Pam Barclay
Theresa Lee
Mariam Rahman
Deme Umo
Eileen Witherspoon
Carol Christmyer
Judy Wright

1. Welcome and Introductions

Pam Barclay, Director, Center for Hospital Services, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were present in person and on the phone.

2. Review of Previous Meeting Summary (October 8, 2009)

There were no changes to the meeting summary.

3. Discussion: Development of Maryland HAI Prevention Plan

Ms. Barclay reported on the meeting she recently attended, held by CDC in Atlanta, GA. It was held for states that received funding under the ELC (Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity) program. She then went on to her presentation which included a background on the U.D. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Action Plan to Prevent HAIs, state HAI Prevention Plans, and Maryland's HAI Prevention Plan. She also reviewed the timelines for the CDC plan.

CDC Plan Template

Ms. Barclay reviewed the template provided by the CDC that each State must complete by January 1, 2010. She said CDC will aggregate all State plans for a report to Congress. She said that each State is encouraged to supplement the template with other HAI related activities.

Planning Process

Ms. Barclay explained that additional members will be added to the Advisory Committee to ensure that all stakeholders are involved in the planning process. She asked current committee members for suggestions of people and organizations to bring in to the Advisory Committee. She discussed four subcommittees that will be formed to work on key issues: HAI Process and Outcomes Measures Subcommittee; Hand Hygiene and Infection Prevention Subcommittee; IP Training and Work Force Development Subcommittee; and Electronic Laboratory Data Reporting Subcommittee. Ms. Barclay noted that the subcommittees provide an opportunity for additional organizations and individuals to contribute to the Advisory Committee work.

Ms. Pass stressed the need to show the cost savings of infection prevention specifically to CEO level executives at hospitals. Ms. Feeney commented on the work under development by the HSCRC regarding the cost complications such as infections. Ms. Fuss discussed the fact that NHSN data was never meant to be reported as clinical data, the definitions of infections are for surveillance purposes only. Ms. Barclay further discussed the future HAI initiatives including implementation of electronic lab data and the MDRO module.

Submission Date

The first Maryland HAI Prevention Plan is due to CDC on January 1, 2010.

4. Other Business

Maryland Hospital Hand Hygiene Collaborative

Ms. Barclay said the kick-off meeting is planned for November 3, 2009. The Collaborative is being implemented under the leadership of the Maryland Patient Safety Center, which is a collaborative effort of the Maryland Hospital Association and the Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care. Committee members discussed the purpose of the kick-off meeting as well the components of the Hand Hygiene Collaborative, including which hospital units are involved and the purpose and use of the data collection.

Update on CLABSI Audit

Ms. Barclay said Maryland is one of a small number of States that have projects involving the auditing the CLABSI data. Ms. Lee said a letter was sent out to CEOs and IPs explaining the next steps of the audit. She said the format for submitting the positive blood culture list will be sent out today. Ms. Fuss had questions about submitting a hard copy form. Ms. Lee said that may be possible and told all committee members to contact her if they had any problems or questions.

Surgical Site Infection Data Reporting

Ms. Barclay said this reporting will be moved back to April 1, 2010. She said training is important for hospitals before reporting begins and hospitals need time to prepare. She said New York has been successful in training their hospitals to report denominator data electronically and that MHCC will be seeking technical assistance on this issue from CDC as well as other States.

Future Meeting Schedule

Ms. Barclay reviewed the alternative meeting dates for November and December since the current meeting dates are near holidays. For 2010, the meeting date and time will stay the same.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m. The next meeting date will be determined following a poll of Committee member availability.